

uniting with their brethren of the South, will, as one man, resist such invasion of the soil of the South, at all hazards and to the last extremity.

W. C. WHITTHORNE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
 TAZ W. NEMAN,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

Adopted, Jan. 18th, 1861.

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On motion of Mr. Quinan the message and resolutions were transmitted to the House of Representatives, and one thousand copies of each ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

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THURSDAY, January 31st, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to allow holders of claims for money against the State, to take land in lieu thereof, and to receive such claims for dues on lands, reported the same to the Senate without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill changing the time of holding the District Courts in the ninth Judicial District, also

A bill to reorganize the sixteenth Judicial District and define the time of holding courts therein, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Martin, chairman of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred a bill supplemental to an act to regulate estrays, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage with following amendments:

“Strike out in the first section, these words, “but he may notify the owner of the brand, and if not taken away in three months he may then proceed to stray the same.”

Mr. Paschal, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was refer-

red the Senate's bill with House amendments for the relief of the Houston Central Railroad, have duly considered the amendments of the House, and I am instructed by the committee to recommend that the Senate refuse to concur in the amendments of the House.

Mr. Townes from the committee on Enrolled bills, reported the following bills and resolutions correctly enrolled and presented to his Excellency the Governor.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 8th 1860.

An act for the relief of the Houston Tap and Braziria Railroad Company.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Air Line Railroad Company.

A joint resolution relative to coercion.

An act to reorganize the eighteenth Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein, and

A joint resolution concerning the Convention of the people of Texas, called in pursuance of the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred, a bill to reorganize the sixteenth Judicial District, and define the time of holding courts therein, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee take into consideration, the propriety of passing a law to authorize the issuance of a duplicate for any land certificate, scrip or other evidence of title to land, that may be lost where any part owner of the same may apply and make an affidavit of his part ownership, and the loss of said claim, without being required to produce the affidavit of the other part owners, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Lavaca Wharf Company, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Quinan, from the committee, on State Affairs, reported a Joint Resolution suspending the Geological Survey of the State and dispensing with employees therein, and recommended its passage. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, a bill changing the time of holding the courts in the ninth Judicial District was taken up. Read second time.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendments :



Strike out in first section, fifteenth line, the word "two" and insert "three." In first section, sixteenth and seventeenth line, strike out "fourteenth" and insert "fifteenth." Adopted and bill passed to a third reading Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of Texas which, on motion of Mr. Britton, was taken up. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Whaley introduced a bill supplemental to an act to provide for the organization of the Militia of the State of Texas, approved February 14, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Gentry moved to print 100 copies. Lost.

Mr. Dulaney offered a Joint Resolution to provide for the payment of the Delegates now assembled in State Convention. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Gentry a bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, on the report of the committee on Internal Improvements, recommending a refusal to concur in the amendments of the House was taken up, and report adopted.

Whereupon Messrs. Gentry, Martin and Throckmorton were appointed a committee of conference.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, February 1st, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill conferring admiralty and maritime jurisdiction and practice upon the district courts of the State of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Schleicher introduced a bill to incorporate the Uvalde Irrigation Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Britton, chairman of the committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the House bill to provide protection for the